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## END OF THE SESSION.

The Legislature is to be prorogued on this, the hundred and twenty-ninth day of its deliberations. For one thing the session has been remarkable for its undue length. Various reasons are adducible for this feature, which may be discussed by themselves at another time. Another marked peculiarity of the session is found in the astounding vagaries of some of its decisions tending to establish precedents for governing the status of future Assemblies. If the present Legislature is to form a new rule for succeeding ones, it is established that non-resident voters may elect representatives in one district and not in another, the question in each case to be decided by the simple fact as to whether the member declared elected by the returning officer belongs to the majority or to the minority in the House. It is also established that a man may be elected by fraud so flagrant as to procure his conviction and punishment by the courts of law, and yet cannot be unseated provided he belongs to the party having a majority in the Assembly.

Some very useful legislation was initiated by the original Ministry that met the House at opening, a portion of it being perfected before that Ministry was ejected by a secret conspiracy. Other useful and timely legislation introduced and promoted to accomplishment by private members, notably by those belonging to the party opposed to the administration. Acceptable and necessary laws were also framed and passed at the instance of the Ministry in existence for the three months prior to Thursday last. An amendment to the tax law, promoted by a representative closely identified with all three Ministries, passed in a form much mutilated from the original bill, but with the valuable features mainly preserved and several absurdities pruned. The same member brought in a rider to the law thus amended, increasing the direct taxation from three-quarters to one per cent. This would not be objectionable, provided the revenue was to be increased thereby for the benefit of necessary services, but it was rightfully though unsuccessfully opposed because the proposed expenditures had been swelled for objects, not only of no utility but in many cases likely to be of injury to the country.

Probably what will most distinguish the session hereafter will be the sudden changes in the policy and personnel of the Ministry. The changes in policy have been numberless, while there have been two reconstructions of the Cabinet. Besides the changes in the Cabinet there have been changes in important offices, and the mutations in both respects have unsettled the public mind injuriously in extent and degree. It is impossible to forecast or measure all the results to follow so much eccentric manipulation and disturbance of the public service. They must be very injurious to the common welfare. It would take up too much space, especially as this does not pretend to be a review of the session, to more than refer to the adoption of a policy of borrowing more money and going abroad to do so. The ten million loan act is not so serious a matter as the continuance at the head of the administration of a man who changed his base on that most important question not once but many times during the session.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Thursday's Ministry is likely the one to appear in the closing ceremonies today. At least there was no change up till late last night.

The Government organ was rather sarcastic yesterday, on the old man in constant at the head of the Government. At the same time it promised to support his administration. That shows what kind of a machine a party organ is.

The reappearance of the irrepressible Mr. Gibson in the last formed Cabinet brings forcibly to mind the anecdote of a man who said he had heard of hints, but never received one which he had felt obliged to take, although he acknowledged that on sundry occasions he had been shown the door, kicked down stairs, thrown out of the window, and "cussed" generally.

## The Wives of Teheran.

Truly, the Government of the Shah is a paternal one. The women of Teheran went a few weeks ago in a body to the King's palace and complained that the coffee-shops (of which an extraordinary number have been opened lately) took away their husbands from their work and their home duties, causing them to spend all their money in drink and smoke. After all, the drink was merely tea and coffee. The Shah sympathized with the wives of Teheran. He acted promptly, and, as the commander of the faithful is said to have done under similar circumstances, he ordered that all the coffee-houses in the capital were to be closed. Closed they were; closed they remain. The next day the royal edict went forth that all the provincial coffee-houses were to be closed. They, too, are all shut up. Fancy such an order in a civilized country; but here nobody grumbles. The women, of course, are in ecstasies, but the haunters of coffee-houses, who form by far the larger proportion of the male sex in the large Persian towns, are in despair.—*Corr. London Globe.*

## About an Even Taling.

A Detroitier who was working across one of the northern counties with a horse and buggy this summer met a farmer on foot and asked him how far it was to Greenville.

"Which one," was the query after half a minute spent in reflection.

"Why, I didn't know that there was but one Greenville."

"Didn't you? There's one in South Carolina, a second in Kansas, a third in Ohio and a fourth in Iowa. Which one do you want to go to?"

"The nearest one."

"Well that's about seven miles off. Next time you inquire for Greenville

specify the one you want."

"Which tobacco do you want?"

"Why, I didn't know as there was more'n one tobacco."

"Oh, yes there is. There is plug tobacco, fine cut, shorts and smoking."

"Which did you want?"

"Well, I'll take plug."

"I haven't got any. The next time you inquire for tobacco you'd better mention the kind."

The two looked each other over for a minute and then separated for life.—*Detroit Free Press.*

## A French Law.

From Bordeaux comes the report of a lawsuit which shows that French officials have sometimes ideas of the intensest originality. A merchant of that town had two casks of rum stolen from his bonded store. The thieves are caught and punished, but unluckily they had disposed of the rum before being taken, and consequently the merchant had no other satisfaction than is afforded by the knowledge that his unwelcome patrons will be the guests of the State for a few years. Having written off the value of his two casks of rum, the merchant thought to have done with the matter, but incredible as it may appear the collectors of Revenue Indirects came down on him for the taxes due on the stolen spirits, because, as they contended, it had gone into consumption. Naturally enough the application was treated as preposterous, and the case will soon be submitted for the decision of the Bordeaux tribunals.

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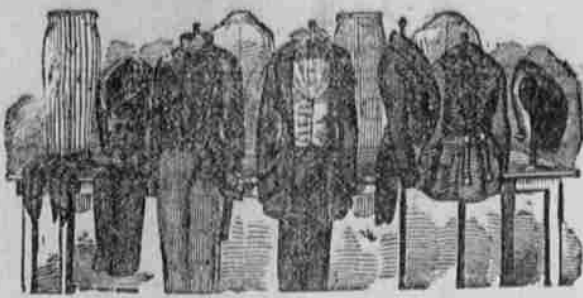
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